

Whitehall, May 29. 1696.

Advices by Two Mails from Holland, which came in this Morning.

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Breda, June 4. N.S.

THE King left Lee on Sunday, and came hither in the Evening; To morrow his Majesty goes hence to Merxhem, a mile on this side Antwerp, where the Elector of Bavaria and the Prince de Vaudemont will meet His Majesty, and the day following his Majesty intends to be with the Army near Ghent. The other Army Commanded by the Elector of Bavaria is removed from Park-Abbey to Neer Ische, about 4 miles beyond Louvain, and within one of Warew. The French continue in the Camps mentioned in our last, viz., the Marechal de Villeroi at Mechlen near Deyne, and the Marechal de Boufflers near Flerus.

The Forces commanded by the Landgrave of Hesse Cassel, with those of Lunenburg and Duke of Holstein, that were first designed for the Middle Rhine, are now marching toward the Meuse.

Hamburg, June 1. Two thousand Foot and Five hundred Dragoons of the Troops of the Duke of Holstein, are on their march towards the Meuse, having passed the Elbe two days ago. We have Advice from the Coast of Norway, that Du Bart is Cruizing in those Parts.

Frankfort, May 31. The Army of the Allies commanded by Prince Lewis of Baden, continues near Eppingen, the Head Quarters being at Steppach, which is a very advantageous Camp, and the rest of the Confederate Forces that are yet behind, are marching with all diligence to joyn them. The French Army, under the Marechal de Choiseul, is marched from Bruchsal to Sickingen, where he still was by our last Advice, the two Armies not being above 2 or 3 Leagues asunder. Lieutenant-General Thungen returning some days ago in his Coach from the Confederate Army towards Mentz, was surprised by a Party of 15 French, and carried Prisoner to Philadelphia. The Forces of Hesse and Lunenburg continue their march towards the Rhine.

Vienna, May 23. The Elector of Saxony having taken his leave of the Emperor at Luxemburg, set out yesterday Morning for Hungary, to Command the Imperial Army, which Rendezvous near Pest, and where all the Troops are to be together by the 25th of this Month. The Additional Forces, which his Electoral Highness sends to Hungary, are coming by Water from Lintz; and we hear that his Electoral Highness will likewise send a Body of 3000 Men to the Rhine. The Emperor has given the Government of Transilvania to General Robutin.

Tarin, May 22. The French Troops began to Enter into the Plains the 20th instant, and Encamped at la Veillane, where they continue to assemble, and some of their Parties are come farther. The Duke of Savoy has sent two Battalions to reinforce the Garrison of Cossi; 9 Battalions are Posted on the Glacis of the Countercamp of this City; and the rest of our Forces, that lay about Carignan, have passed the Po here, and at Moncalier, and are now Encamped between this Place and Moncalier: They are very fine Troops, and in a good Condition; and his Royal Highness and the General Officers have chosen this Camp, as the most convenient, to oppose the Enemy's Designs.

Venice, May 18. The Great Convoy bound to the Levant, is stopt by contrary Winds in Istris: Several other Ships are fitting out, which will be ready to follow in a short time, with further Supplies for the Fleet and Army.

Leghorn, May 14. We have advice that two French Men of War are sailed from Toulon to Convoy several French Merchant Ships to the Levant. Capt. Broom has lately taken on the Coast of Barbary a French Ship laden with Allom, Wool, and Hides from Constantinople, and sent her to Port Farino; and Capt. Pickering has taken a French Bark laden with Corn.

Paris, June 1. The Letters from Brest say, they are disarming a third part of the Fleet, and that the rest continued under the command of Monsieur Chasteaurenaut; That the English and Dutch Fleet had appeared off Brest, which greatly alarmed'd all that Coast. The Soldiers that were on board the French Men of War, are come ashore, and formed in two Battalions, and the Marechal d'Estree had posted several Troops of the Marine, to defend the Coasts of Brittany against the Insults of the Enemy. They write from Pignorol of the 25th instant, That the Marechal de Catinat had been encamped several days at La Veillane, and when these Letters came away, was marching towards Turin. We are told from Catalonia, that the Duke de Vendome assembled the French Forces near Gironne, and the Spanish Forces commanded by the Landgrave of Darmstat were at Ostalricke. The news of the Death of the Queen Mother of Spain is confirmed.

Hague, June 5. The last Letters from Germany say, The French Army under the Command of the Marechal de Choiseul was marched back several Miles from Prince Lewis's Camp; and 'twas reported they intended to send a Detachment towards Flanders. The Pentionary Heinsius, with several Deputies of the States, went hence some days ago to wait upon his Majesty at Breda.